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MUDA denies site to Pulwama martyr's widow

She ran from pillar to post for her small site while MUDA was busy illegally allotting sites worth crores of rupees under the 50:50 allotment scheme.

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (RK&BCT)- In a shocking development that has come to light now, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) officers, already embroiled in controversy over allocation of approximately 4,500 plots under contentious 50:50 scheme in 23 villages, have denied a site to widow of an Army soldier who was killed in the Pulwama bomb blast in Kashmir.

His wife was handed a note indicating that her case would only be considered in the next allotment round, a move that has been met with widespread outrage. This callous treatment of a fallen soldier's wife raises grave concerns about integrity and credibility of MUDA officials. That "next allotment round" has not come even after five years.

Martyred H. Guru

S. Kalavathi

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 82 Battalion soldier H. Guru (No. 115050445) was martyred on Feb. 14, 2019, in an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) blast set by terrorists in Lethpur of Pulwama, Kashmir.

(See MUDA on page 7)

Heartless MUDA officials

This inhuman official behaviour should remind our readers and the Government officials about the fate of Kargil War widows. A 31-storey apartment complex, called the Adarsh Housing Society, was built in Colaba in South Mumbai for 1999 Kargil war heroes and war widows. In 2010, it was revealed that politicians, the bureaucracy and military officials colluded to violate rules concerning land ownership and other norms to get flats allotted to themselves and their relatives. Alas, the Kargil war heroes and war widows got nothing. Can one be so merciless, even cruel, to those who gave their lives for our country? This MUDA case too is a point of serious concern. In the case of Adarsh Housing Society, Mumbai, the then Chief Minister Ashok Chavan had to resign. In case of Karnataka, sadly no heads roll.—**Ed**

Two from city killed in accident near Sampaje

Bike hits roadside barrier, plunges into 15-foot gorge on Madikeri-Mangaluru Highway

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (RK&KS)- Two youths from Mysuru were killed on the spot when their bike reportedly crashed into a roadside barrier and fell into a deep gorge near Sampaje on Kodagu-Dakshina Kannada border around midnight yesterday. The incident came to light when passers-by discovered the bodies along with the bike and alerted the local Police this morning.

The deceased have been identified as Manoj (32), son of late Nanjappa, a resident of 1st Cross in Gandhinagar, who worked as a loan agent and Pavan (29), son of Paramesh, a resident of 6th Cross in Gandhinagar, who worked as a medical representative.

At around 11 pm yesterday, Manoj and Pavan set out for Dharmasthala on their Royal Enfield bike. As they were travelling on Koinadu Road near Sampaje around midnight, the bike struck a roadside barrier and plunged into a 15-foot-deep gorge, resulting in their immediate deaths.

The deceased Manoj & Pavan.

The metal crash barriers were laid after Madikeri-Mangaluru Road was upgraded into a National Highway. Police said that accident might have occurred at 1.30 or 2 am and as there were hardly any vehicles on the road, the incident had not come to light.

This morning, motorists noticed a bike in gorge & upon closer inspection found the two bodies alongside the wrecked bike. They promptly notified Police. Madikeri Rural Police arrived at the scene, conducted an investigation, registered a case and shifted the bodies to Madikeri Government Hospital mortuary for post-mortem.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 5th August 2024

Seminar on 'V. Sreenivasa Prasad and his struggles' tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (TRR)-To commemorate the 77th birth anniversary of late V. Sreenivasa Prasad, a seminar on his personality and struggles will be held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre premises, Manasagangothri, in city on Aug. 6 at 10.30 am.

Prasad

The seminar, titled 'V. Sreenivasa Prasad Vyaktitva Mattu Horata,' will be organised jointly by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Educational and Cultural Trust, Samanate-Swabhimana-Svalambane Pratishtana and Samanate Prakashana.

The seminar will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. Vishwamaithri Buddha Vihar's Dr. Kalyanasiri Bhanteji will grace the occasion.

Senior journalist Ravindra Bhat will speak on the personality of Sreenivasa Prasad while Cultural Thinker Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash will speak about Prasad's struggles.

Former Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar will preside. Director of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Prof. J. Somashekar, Trust President Bhagyalakshmi Sreenivasa Prasad and Publisher Bharat Ramaswamy will be present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE ARTICULATION OF SILENCE: ***Our Grandfather believed in the Shakespeare's adage from 'Much ado about nothing,' which goes "Silence is the perfectest herald of joy." During summer holidays when the cacophony of his grandchildren reaches a crescendo, he assembles all of us for story time as part of his noise reduction tactics. One of his stories about the virtue of silence has stayed with me over the years.***

An aged couple started preparing their home to receive their grandchildren by cleaning, sprucing up the garden, shopping for the children's favourite food, clothes and all. During these hectic activity the old man had misplaced his treasured watch. When the kids arrived and after settling down, his granddaughter noticed that Grandpa was not wearing his watch. Grandpa said with a slight gloom, "Never mind little girl, I misplaced the watch while cleaning the house. It will show up somewhere soon." The grandchildren were not convinced. They know it's his favourite watch and they have always seen the watch adoring his left wrist. They said in chorus that they are going to find the watch for him. After looking here and there one of the kids asked him, "Grandpa, do you remember when you saw the watch last". Grandpa thought about it and said, "May be I had seen it last while sprucing up the garage." The children went to the garage en masse to look for the watch. There were many things stacked there like waste materials, broken pipes, old books, scraps and so on. Suddenly one of the kids called out to the others, "I have an idea, let's close the garage door and sit here and observe complete silence, if the watch is here, it will reveal itself." Although the other kids were surprised, they went along with the suggestion and sat there in complete silence. Then they could hear the tic, tic sound coming from one of the shelves. Carefully they peeled back the stored stuff and found the watch.

I guess my grandfather tried to teach us through the story that silence is a state which enhances the quality of being. Science too indicates that two hours of silence daily leads to the development of new cells in the hippocampus region which is linked to learning, memory and emotions. Rumi, the Persian Sufi mystic and poet eloquently states, 'Let soul speak with the silent articulation of a face.'

—Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Colourful lasers to keep truck drivers awake

Beijing: Authorities in China are reportedly testing powerful laser installations on motorways in an effort to prevent drivers from falling asleep at the wheel.

clips of colourful light beams being projected from motorway signs in China started going viral on social media, leaving people scratching their heads about their purpose. The most popular clip of the bizarre installation was shot on the 1,600-km-long Qingdao–Yinchuan Expressway, which is reportedly mainly used by heavy trucks from the capital city of Ningxia traveling to the port city of Qingdao.

However, drivers chiming in on the unusual laser installation didn't seem very impressed. Some complained that the laser lights were too distracting, while others said that they were more likely to induce epilepsy seizures than keep drivers awake.

4-year-old boy survives 16th-floor fall

Aubervilliers: Enzo, a 4-year-old boy from Aubervilliers in France, survived a 43-meter fall from his 16th-floor apartment with only a scratch.

Enzo was in his room when his father, Ji, heard him crying. He hurried to check on his son, but the door was locked. By the time Ji managed to break down the door, Enzo's crying had stopped and the room seemed empty. Seeing the window open, the man realised that he was too late.

After rushing onto the balcony, he saw Enzo lying on the roof of a ground-level pharmacy. Ji rushed out of the building and fearing the worst, he was stunned to see Enzo move on his own, with only a small scratch on his leg to show for his 43 mt. fall.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Weaning – the process of gradually replacing breastmilk with another source of nutrition. This may involve reducing breastmilk when solid foods are established or ending the breastfeeding journey.

By Mrs. Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Shravana discourse series

Mysuru, Aug. 5- Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series have been organised from Aug. 5 to Sept. 2 at the city branch of Suttur Mutt.

Every morning, special puja will be held. Mass prayer from 6 pm to 6.30 pm; Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha, will be held daily from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Dr. K. Anantaramu and Dr. B.V. Vasatnkumar will give the discourse and Vidushis M.V. Shubha Raghavendra, Vasanta Venkatesh and Dharitri Anandarao will recite.

The Discourse Series will be inaugurated on Aug. 5 at 6 pm. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Harave Sri Virakta Mutt Seer Sri Sarpabhushana Swamiji.

Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar will preside. MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan will participate as chief guest.

Transport arrangements have been made for the public to attend the event daily from J.P. Nagar, JSS Layout and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.14 feet**	Today's level **2,282.35 feet**	Today's level **2,854.55 feet**
Last year's level **113.44 feet**	Last year's level **2,282.84 feet**	Last year's level **2,858.65 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.20 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,281.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,854.77 feet**
Today's Inflow **34,029 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **12,225 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **5,171 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **34,773 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **3,542 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **6,000 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Tigers Love Water:*** *Tigers are fond of water and spend many hours dousing at the edge of lakes, ponds, rivers and waterholes. They submerge themselves, soaking up to the neck during the hottest time of the day.*
- *Unlike humans, tiger saliva contains lysozyme enzymes, which attack the cell walls of wounds providing defense against infection. They also lick themselves now and then to clean their coat.*
- *A tiger usually eats only once in a week and can eat up to 18-20 kgs in one go.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Raghul *(entering the library): I want a mystery book. Do you have one?*
Librarian *(giving him a book): Here, take this novel. You will never know who the killer is !!!*
Raghul: *Why?*
Librarian: *Because the last page of the novel is torn.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.45
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.83
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Why post Traffic Cops at junctions that already have signal lights?

Sir,

I would like to share some observations and suggestions regarding the traffic management approach employed by the Mysuru City Traffic Police.

It has been observed that Traffic Police personnel are frequently stationed at intersections equipped with functional traffic signals. This practice appears to be an inefficient use of valuable manpower resources, that too now the Police use AI-based cameras at many junctions to catch violators.

Conversely, there are numerous intersections within the city limits where traffic signals are partly functional or non-functional. At these junctions, traffic management is often characterised by disorder and a 'might is right' mentality among road users, exacerbated by the absence of Traffic Police presence to enforce order and safety protocols.

There is significant room for improvement in the current deployment strategy of the Traffic Police. It would be prudent to prioritise the deployment of Traffic Cops at intersections without functional traffic signal lights, where the absence of automated regulation poses a higher risk to road safety.

By increasing oversight and enforcement in these critical areas, the Traffic Police can effectively mitigate chaos and enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

It would be beneficial if the senior officers review the deployment strategy, with the aim of reallocating resources to areas that most need direct traffic control. This proactive approach will not only optimise the effectiveness of the Traffic Police force but also contribute significantly to reducing traffic-related incidents and improving overall traffic management within our city.

In some locations, Traffic Cops can be seen comfortably seated under traffic umbrellas, busy with their mobiles or chit-chatting with shopkeepers near their duty location.

A couple of junctions where the Cops are seen sitting comfortably inside the traffic umbrella are at the junction of Temple Road and Hunsur Road, and the Vijayanagar and Hunsur Road junction near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk. One of the most chaotic junctions where there are no Traffic Police is at Gokulam Road and Hunsur Road junction.

I am hopeful that the Department will take positive steps to enhance traffic safety and efficiency in Mysuru.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
25.7.2024

Sandalwood sapling plantation drive launched in Yadavagiri

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (SPN&VNS)- A special initiative to plant Sandalwood saplings at Chandanavana Park located in Yadavagiri under Ward 18 was inaugurated BJP City President L. Narendra, here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said, under the leadership of former Corporator B.V. Nagendra, a special programme 'Namma Yadavagiri' had been launched under which a number of development activities, including planting of saplings in park and on footpaths to increase the green cover, were taken up.

"The residents of Yadavagiri have been planting sandalwood saplings from many years which are now fully grown. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has installed fences around the sandalwood trees to protect them. This apart, the residents have also installed CCTV cameras to keep a vigil on the trees," said Nagendra, who also appreciated the residents for coming forward to grow fruit plants to help the bird species.

BJP Chamaraja Constituency President Dinesh Gowda, T.C. Rajendra, Kiran Bolar, Lalithamma, Veena, Gowri, Prakash, Dinesh, Sheela Manjunath, Kumar Rao and others were present.

Discussion on potential and dangers of nuclear energy

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (BCT)- A panel discussion on 'Potential and dangers of nuclear energy' will take place at 5 pm tomorrow (Aug. 6), at the Wadiyar Centre for Architecture, Mysuru.

Organised by the Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation (IHCNF) to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the event will feature Dr. N. Ramamoorthy (Ex-BARC) speaking on the 'Potential of nuclear energy' and Maj. Gen. (retd) S.G. Vombatkere discussing the 'dangers of nuclear energy.' The session will be moderated by Ravi Joshi (Ex-RAW, Govt. of India).

The programme includes an interactive discussion, allowing the audience to engage with the panellists and screenings of two short documentaries (18 minutes total) and a longer documentary, *The Buddha Weeps in Jadugoda* (57 minutes), focusing on uranium mining in Jadugoda, Jharkhand.

Additionally, to mark Nagasaki Day on Aug. 9, a documentary and an animated film (Japanese, with English subtitles) will be shown at the Heritage House, Saraswathipuram. For details, contact Mob: 99729-62868.

Direct interview

Mysuru, Aug. 5- The University of Mysore (UoM) will be appointing qualified Guest Lecturers to teach various subjects of Under-Graduate (UG) courses in constituent colleges of the University, through a direct interview to take place from Aug. 6 to 9 and on Aug. 12.

For details, log on to the website: ***www.uni-mysore.ac.in,*** according to a press release.

KAS exams postponed

Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Aug. 5- Chief Minister (CM) Siddaramaiah has disclosed that the new dates of the preliminary examinations for the 384 Probationary KAS posts will be announced shortly.

"It was decided to hold the KAS preliminary examinations on Aug. 25. But on the same day, Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) has also scheduled examinations for clerical posts. With the intention of facilitating candidates to appear for IBPS examinations, I have advised Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) to postpone the examinations to a later date. The KAS preliminary examinations will be held on some other day in the month of August itself as necessary preparations have already been made to hold the preliminary examinations," said the Chief Minister in his post on 'X' (formerly Twitter).

INDIA'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 5

PARIS 2024

ATHLETICS

MEN'S 3000M STEEPLECHASE HEAT 2
Avinash Sable — **10.50 pm**

BADMINTON

MEN'S SINGLES BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
Lakshya Sen VS **Lee Zii Jia (MAS)** — **6.00 pm**

SAILING

WOMEN'S DINGHY RACE 10
Nethra Kumanan — **4.53 pm**

MEN'S DINGHY RACE 9
Vishnu Saravanan — **6.10 pm**

MEN'S DINGHY RACE 10
Vishnu Saravanan — **7.15 pm**

SHOOTING

SKEET MIXED TEAM BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
(Subject To Qualification)
Anantjeet Singh Naruka/Maheshwari Chauhan — **6.30 pm**

SKEET MIXED TEAM GOLD MEDAL MATCH
(Subject To Qualification)
Anantjeet Singh Naruka/Maheshwari Chauhan
After Bronze Medal Match

WRESTLING

WOMEN'S 68KG ROUND OF 16
Nisha Dahiya VS **Tetiana S. Rizkho (UKR)** — **6.30 pm**

WOMEN'S 68KG QUARTER-FINALS
(Subject To Qualification) — **After 6.30 pm**

WOMEN'S 68KG SEMI-FINALS
(Subject To Qualification) — **12.30 am (Aug. 6)**

NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar, felicitation by MDJA

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised a Pratibha Puraskar presentation and felicitation ceremony at Alamma Choultry, Shivarampet Road, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Aug. 6). CM's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar will inaugurate. Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda will present Pratibha Puraskar. Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) State President Shivananda Tagadur will speak. Senior actor and theatre person Mandya Ramesh and Department of Information and Public Relations Dy. Director D. Ashok Kumar will be the chief guests. Journalist Shivakumar Bellithatte will be felicitated on the occasion. MDJA President K. Deepak will preside.

Disruption in water supply

As emergency works will be taken up at the Rammanahalli Water Purification Unit on Aug. 6 and 7, water cannot be pumped fully. Hence, water supply will be disrupted in the following areas on the said days: Kesare, Rajendranagar, Subashnagar, N.R. Mohalla, Gandhinagar, Udayagiri, Rajivnagar First, Second and Third Stages, Shanthinagar, Kalyanagiri, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Yaraganahalli, Siddarthalayout, Alanahalli, Nandini Layout, Giridarshini Layout, Ghousianagar, Kyathamaranahalli and other areas.

Applications invited

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible persons for availing benefits under D. Devaraj Urs Self-Employment Scheme, Personal Loan Scheme, Ganga Kalyana Irrigation Scheme, Arivu Educational Loan Scheme, Swavalambi Saarathi Scheme etc. The applications must be uploaded on ***http://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in*** or through online mode at Grama One, Bengaluru One and Karnataka One service centres. The last date for applying is Aug. 31. For details, log on to ***https://dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in/*** or contact Ph: 0821-2341194, 080-22374832 or Mob: 80507-70004 or 80507-70005, according to a press release.

Circle renamed

The State Government has ordered renaming of 'CPI Nanjangud Town Circle' functioning in Nanjangud Town in the district as 'CPI Biligere Circle,' according to a press release from Mysuru District Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhan.

Congress High Command throws weight behind Siddaramaiah

AICC General Secretaries K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala seen with CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar during press briefing in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Aug. 5- Even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was issued a show-cause notice by Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot in connection with the multi-crore MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) site scam, the Congress High Command has resolved to support Siddaramaiah on the issue.

The backing follows a meeting in the State capital Bengaluru on Sunday between AICC General Secretaries K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala with CM Siddaramaiah and his Council of Ministers to take stock of the allegations that the CM indulged in corruption to ensure his wife Parvathi acquired sites via MUDA and to thwart political manoeuvring on the issue by the Opposition BJP-JD(S) combine.

Speaking to presspersons after the meeting, Venugopal said that the Congress will not budge despite the ongoing 'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra by the combined opposition to press for a CBI investigation into the alleged MUDA site scam and to pressurise CM Siddaramaiah to quit his post.

Pointing out that the law will take its own course, Venugopal asserted the Congress in not scared. "Both the BJP and the JD(S) leaders want to save the political careers of their children and are thus targeting our elected Government. They are trying to permanently tarnish the image of Siddaramaiah, who stands for the poor of Karnataka," he maintained.

Praising Siddaramaiah , Venugopal said that none can question his (Siddu) integrity and the people are aware of his ideological commitment over decades of his political career. "The BJP and JD(S) leaders have been rattled by the Karnataka Government's guarantee schemes and the serious charges against the 'children of their leaders' and are thus attacking Siddaramaiah to divert public attention," he said adding that the Opposition leaders are aware that the guarantee schemes will harm them politically. He further said that the Opposition leaders have come up with certain allegations against Siddaramaiah and the Congress Government after cases were filed against children of their party leaders.

Terming the Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's issuance of show-cause notice to the CM as politically motivated, Venugopal alleged that the Governor had become a puppet in the hands of the Opposition. "The Congress has decided to fight against the conspiracy of the BJP and JD(S). The Ministers have been told to go their respective districts and Assembly segments to explain the people the guarantee schemes and the achievements of the Siddaramaiah Government. They are also told to sensitise people on the conspiracy hatched by the Opposition to finish off the guarantees by de stabilising the Government," he said while asking the Governor to withdraw the show-cause notice. He also charged Gehlot of gross misuse of the Constitutional Office of the Governor.

Pull up socks

Prior to the meeting, Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala are said to have asked some Ministers in the Siddaramaiah Government to pull up their socks or face the axe in a couple of months.

Sources said that the Congress High Command was disappointed with some Ministers and has asked them to connect better with the public. This is also a warning for under-performing Ministers, the sources added.

Congress gears up to counter padayatra with rally in Mysuru on Aug. 9

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar addressing the gathering at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (MK&DM)- Even as the week-long Mysuru Chalo Padayatra of the Opposition BJP-JD(S) combine is winding its way through Ramanagara and Mandya districts, the ruling Congress is gearing up to hold a mammoth rally at the sprawling Maharaja College Grounds in the city on Aug. 9 to counter the 'false' allegations against CM Siddaramaiah.

The Mysuru rally scheduled for Aug. 9, a day before the Opposition Padayatra reaches the city, is expected to bring thousands of Congress supporters from across old Mysuru region including Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu districts.

A preliminary meeting was held by Karnataka Shoshita Samudayagala Maha Okkoota in association with Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Jaatigala Okkoota and other organisations, at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar here yesterday, to ensure success of the rally.

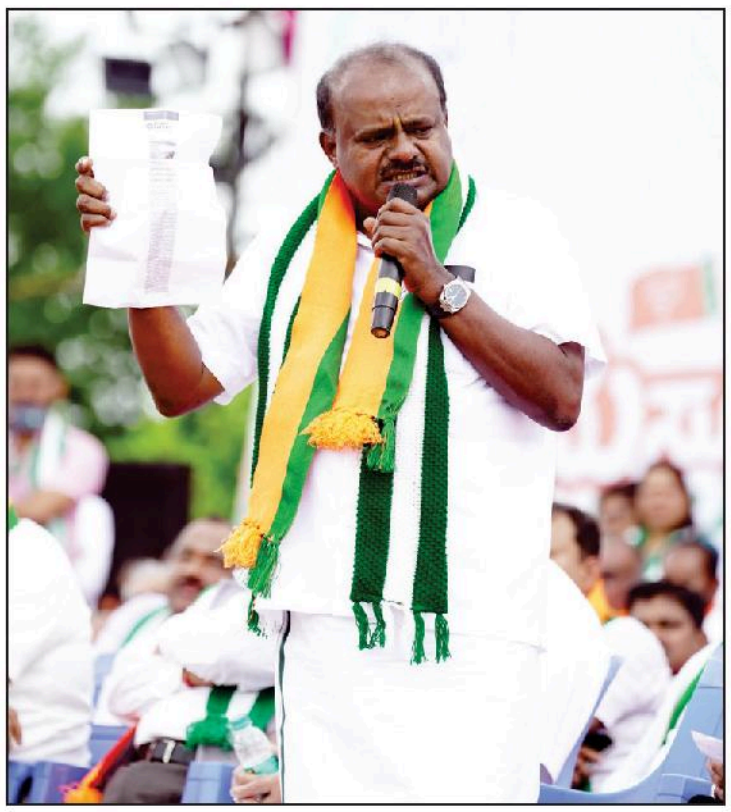
Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, who presided, hoped that the rally would thwart any attempts made by the Opposition unseat CM Siddaramaiah. Alleging that the BJP and the JD(S) have hatched a conspiracy to destabilise Siddaramaiah Government, he said that the Opposition would fail in their attempt to tarnish the image of the CM by unscrupulous means.

Former Karnataka Kurubara Sangha President B. Subramanya in his speech, said that CM Siddaramaiah was being unfairly targeted on false charges. Pointing out that the people of the State are aware of the scams of BJP and JD(S) leaders, Subramanya contended that any attempts to destabilise Siddaramaiah Government would fail. Asserting that the entire AHINDA (acronym for Alpasankhyata, Hindulida and Dalita) communities would stand behind the CM, he argued that the CM's clean image cannot be tarnished.

KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana said that the rally would not only serve to highlight the conspiracy hatched by the Opposition BJP and JD(S) against Siddaramaiah, but will give Congress a platform to expose the corruption that had taken place in the State during the regimes of BJP and JD(S). He also charged the Opposition of unnecessarily targeting the CM in the alleged MUDA site scam, for 'political reasons'.

City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, former Mayors Purushotham, Ananthu, Arif Hussain and Pushpalatha Chikkanna, leaders Sitharamu, Shivanna, N.R. Nagesh, Kempanayaka, Yeraganahalli Madegowda, Beerihundi Basavanna, K.V. Mallesh, Prakash and others were present.

HDK, DKS intensify personal attacks



Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy seen addressing the gathering during the second day of 'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra at Bidadi, yesterday.

Bengaluru, Aug. 5 (BLU&DM)- The bitter rivalry between JD(S) leader and Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), who is also the KPCC President, turned all the more bitter on Sunday when the two leaders resorted to personal attacks on each other.

Kumaraswamy, training guns at D.K. Shivakumar on the second day of the BJP-JD(S) *'Mysuru Chalo' padayatra* at Bidadi to seek the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for his 'direct role' in the MUDA site allotment scam, accused the Deputy Chief Minister of snatching 68 acres of land belonging to Dalits by converting a genuine Housing Society into a fake society.

"I bought land at Kethaganahalli when I was a film distributor, purchasing 45 acres, 15 years before I contested an election. If someone proves that I bought the land by committing fraud, I will retire from politics", Kumaraswamy said warning that he also has enough documents to release against Shivakumar, reiterating that the Deputy CM had amassed huge amounts of illegal wealth through dubious means.

Continuing his tirade against Shivakumar, Kumaraswamy charged the Deputy CM of owning several prime properties in Sadashivanagar, Kanakapura and other locations through dubious means. Kumaraswamy also challenged Shivakumar to swear on 'Ajjaiah' on how he amassed wealth.

HDK's family wealth in benami names: D.K. Shivakumar

Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar seen addressing the Congress Party's Janandolana rally at Channapatna, yesterday.

Even as Kumaraswamy continued to attack him over acquisition of properties worth hundreds of crores illegally, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) questioned the source of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's (HDK) wealth.

Addressing the Congress party's *Janandolana* rally on Sunday at Channapatna to counter the BJP-JD(S) *Mysuru-Chalo Padayatra*, Shivakumar said "Kumaraswamy could not have made thousands of crores through farming. I ran a business along with farming. Did Kumaraswamy made thousands of crores of wealth by growing potatoes and onions?"

Continuing his tirade against the Union Minister, Shivakumar charged Kumaraswamy of amassing huge amounts of wealth in terms of benami land through his elder brother H.D. Balakrishnegowda, who is a former Bureaucrat.

"Before he levels accusations at others, Kumaraswamy must come clean on the vast amounts of property amassed by his brother. Let HDK tell us about his brother Balakrishnegowda, a former Government servant, who holds huge parcels of land in his wife and wife's relatives' names. Let him tell us how someone who grows onions and potatoes can amass such wealth. Be it Bengaluru, Srirangapatna, Maddur, Mysuru or other parts of the State, how many acres of land does his brother and brother's wife own in their relatives' name and as benami," Shivakumar questioned.

Claiming that it is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg and he is 'yet to touch on them', Shivakumar maintained that there were several cases of corruption involving Kumaraswamy and what he was talking about was only a 'trailer.'

"I have not spoken about Kumaraswamy's denotification cases. Also, I am yet to speak of his involvement in mining scams," he said adding that he will soon release a list of corruption cases against Kumaraswamy.

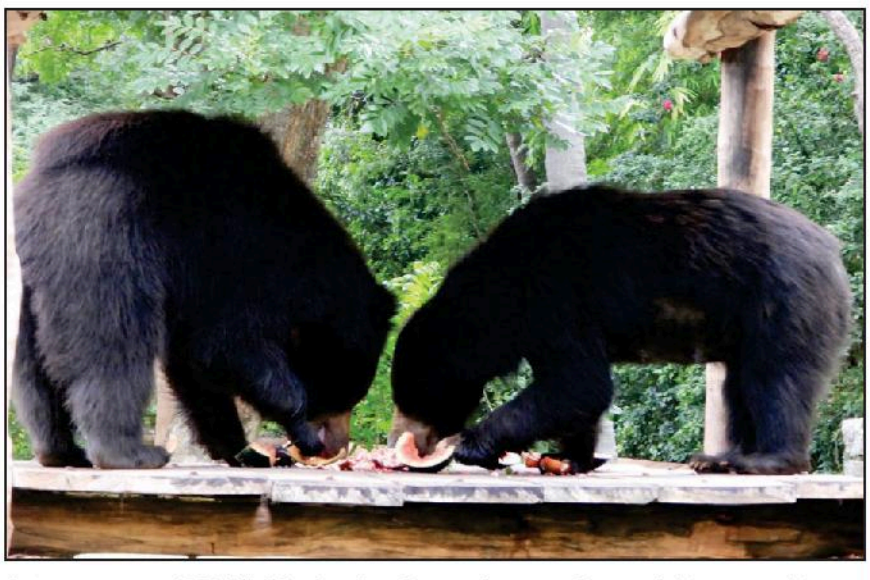
Shivakumar also lashed out at the BJP-JD(S) alliance saying that the regional outfit (JD-S) and the saffron party (BJP) have always been at each other's throats and now, they have teamed up against the Congress only for the sake of 'convenience.'

Preparations in place for Mandya leg of *'Mysuru Chalo' Padayatra*

Meanwhile, the BJP and JD(S) have made elaborate arrangements to ensure the *padayatra* is a huge success at Mandya, the Parliamentary Constituency of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and the heartland of Vokkaliga community to which he belongs.

The *padayatra* is scheduled to reach Mandya on Wednesday, after passing through Maddur on Tuesday.

Sloth bear enclosure inaugurated at Zoo



Mysuru, Aug. 5 (MTY&VNS)- An exclusive enclosure for sloth bears constructed by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) through CSR Funds at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens was inaugurated, here recently. The enclosure has sufficient space for the bears to relax, have food and to move around freely. Arrangements have also been made to for visitors to have a perfect view of the bears at enclosure.

BRBNMPL Senior General Manager R. Narayan inaugurated the enclosure, constructed at a cost of Rs. 92 lakh. General Manager Pramod Kumar, Deputy General Manager Mayur Srivatsava, Manager Mohit Agarwal, Zoo Deputy Director N. Lakshmikanth, RFO V. Muniraju and others were present.

Traffic violations caught on AI cameras

Even Govt. vehicles violating rules liable for penalties: ADGP

A file photo of a KSRTC bus moving on the wrong side of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (AG&BCT)- In a significant move towards enforcing traffic discipline, all Government vehicles, including KSRTC buses, are now being held accountable for violating traffic rules.

Alok Kumar

Previously, it was common to see these vehicles openly flouting traffic regulations. However, a new wave of AI-based Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras installed across Mysuru and Bengaluru, as well as along the access-controlled Highway connecting these two cities as part of the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS), is changing the scenario.

These revolutionary ANPR cameras are equipped to detect and document various traffic violations, including not wearing seatbelts, signal jumping and overspeeding.

When a Government vehicle breaches these rules, the cameras capture photographic evidence of the violation. The images are then sent directly to the mobile phones of the drivers, the officer in charge of the vehicle, or the respective Corporation that owns and operates the vehicles.

"Technology does not differentiate among the violators. Real-time SMS regarding the violation is generated and sent to the registered mobile number of the person or officer in whose name the vehicle involved in the violation is registered, whether a Government vehicle or a private one," said Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) - Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar.

There have been many instances of KSRTC bus drivers violating lane discipline on the Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway 275, travelling on the wrong side, putting other vehicle drivers at risk, driving without seatbelts and talking on mobile phones. Such errant drivers are being penalised as their violations are caught with evidence by AI-based cameras.

Vehicle assignee must pay

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Alok Kumar stated that Govt. vehicles are assigned by Transport Department to heads of various Government Departments or the Managing Directors of KSRTC.

"The vehicles are further assigned by the Department heads to the officers who have the facility or privilege to travel in Government vehicles, and such officers are liable to pay the penalties if the vehicles are booked for violations. In some cases, vehicles are assigned directly to the drivers, who are then liable to pay the penalty in case of violations. Sometimes, such penalties are cleared annually before the vehicle is handed over to another officer," the ADGP added.

This new technology is impartial, treating all vehicles equally regardless of their ownership. Unlike human officers who might overlook certain vehicles, the cameras do not differentiate between private and Government vehicles.

As a result, penalties are uniformly applicable to all violators, ensuring that there is no escaping the consequences of breaking traffic laws. This marks a significant step forward in the utilisation of technology to maintain law and order on the roads.

With the consistent application of penalties, it is expected that even Government vehicles will adhere to traffic regulations more stringently, setting an example for all road users.

21 violations in two months

Govt. car penalised

Rs. 18,000

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (AG&BCT)- One particular Government vehicle, **KA-01-G-6601,** has been caught with 21 violations, resulting in a total penalty amount of Rs. 18,000. All violations were recorded within two months — July and August, 2024.

For each of the 21 violations, the vehicle was penalised Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 500.

According to data from the e-challan website launched by the Karnataka Police (***https://echallan.ksp.gov.in/***), the vehicle was involved in several incidents. On July 14, the vehicle was booked for overspeeding at Bilagumba (Ramanagara) towards Bengaluru.

On July 18, the driver was caught not wearing a seatbelt at Siddalingapura towards Bengaluru. On July 19, the vehicle was caught overspeeding at Madanayakanahalli (Mandya) towards Bengaluru.

On July 23, the vehicle was booked for overspeeding near Hulthar State Forest, Ramanagara towards Mysuru, and at Gejjalagere KMF. The vehicle was again caught overspeeding on July 24 near K. Shettahalli in Mandya towards Bengaluru. On July 25, the vehicle was caught overspeeding at Siddalingapura (Mysuru City) towards Mysuru, and the driver was penalised for not wearing a seatbelt at Gejjalagere KMF (Mandya).

On July 26, the vehicle was booked for overspeeding at Induvalu (Mandya) towards Mysuru, and the driver was again caught not wearing a seatbelt at Gejjalagere KMF (Mandya) towards Mysuru. On July 29, the vehicle was caught overspeeding at Bilagumba (Ramanagara) towards Bengaluru, near Hulthar State Forest (Ramanagara), and at Siddalingapura towards Mysuru. The driver was penalised for not wearing a seatbelt on July 31 at Bilagumba.

On Aug. 1, the driver was caught not wearing a seatbelt at Siddalingapura and Brahmapura (Mandya) towards Mysuru. The vehicle was caught overspeeding again on Aug. 2 at K. Shettahalli towards Bengaluru, and on July 26, it was booked for overspeeding near Hulthar State Forest. Additionally, on July 26, 2024, the vehicle was caught for overspeeding between Siddalingapura towards Mysuru. This pattern of repeated offences highlights the need for stricter enforcement and better compliance with traffic regulations.

An image of the violating vehicle captured by an AI camera in Bengaluru.

Overspeed fine notice goes to a wrong person; Wrong vehicle targeted

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (BLU&BCT)- In an incident that highlights the potential errors in automated traffic enforcement systems, Deepak Kumar, a resident of Saraswathipuram in the city, recently received an SMS on his mobile phone, claiming that his bike had been caught overspeeding on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

The message, which included his bike number, stated that he had been driving at a speed exceeding the limit near Madanayakanahalli in Mandya district on the night of July 29 at 10.30 pm. As a result, he was instructed to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000.

Deepak Kumar was baffled by the notice, as he distinctly remembered being at home in Mysuru, having dinner at the specified time. "How could my bike be on the highway when I was at home having dinner?" he wondered.

In an attempt to resolve the issue, Deepak immediately tagged Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar on his 'X' account. He shared a screenshot of the notice along with a message: "Sir, I received a notice stating that I was speeding on the Mysore-Bengaluru Highway. However, on July 29 at 10.30 PM, as mentioned in the notice, I was having dinner at my home in Mysuru. I do not understand why I received this notice. Please help."

Responding to the post soon, Alok Kumar shared a photo of a high-end car that had been captured in the camera for overspeeding and asked Deepak Kumar if the vehicle belonged to him, to which the latter replied that his vehicle was a bike and the actual overspeeding vehicle was a car.

Alok Kumar clarified that the camera had read the letter 'M' in the middle of the number plate as 'H,' resulting in the incorrect notice being sent to the bike concerned. He assured Deepak Kumar that the error would be rectified.

Deepak Kumar heaved a sigh of relief after this reply.

MUDA denies site

What Kalavathi, the widow of the martyred soldier got from MUDA

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪ್ರಾ/ವಿತ-4/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.10.2022

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In recognition of his sacrifice, the Kendriya Sainik Board, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare & Rehabilitation, Bengaluru, recommended a **free site for his wife,** S. Kalavathi, a resident of Maddur Taluk in Mandya, to build a home. Kalavathi is the native of a village near Kanakapura.

Officials ignore plea

Following the Board's written recommendation, Kalavathi applied for a MUDA site as directed. Despite her repeated visits to the MUDA Office and meetings, officials avoided addressing her request. Without an alternative, she wrote a letter to the MUDA Commissioner on 11.10.2021 and on June 6, 2022, attaching all necessary documents and urging for prompt resolution. With no response, she sent another letter on June 29, 2022, again seeking the site.

By neglecting her request, MUDA officials disregarded a Government order from 2000 mandating that Urban Development Authorities across the State allocate free sites to the dependents of soldiers and officers who sacrifice their lives for the nation.

According to the order, dependents of commissioned officers who die in battle or similar circumstances are entitled to a 40x60 site, while those of non-commissioned officers are to receive a 30x40 site. A similar order was passed by the Central Government in 1971.

Sainik Board intervenes

Based on Kalavathi's appeal, on Jan. 29, 2020, Brigadier (Retd.) Ravi Muniswamy, Director of the Kendriya Sainik Board, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare and Rehabilitation, Bengaluru, sent a letter to the MUDA Commissioner urging the official to honour S. Kalavathi's request for a free site, given her eligibility.

The Director also requested a response detailing the action taken on the letter. Despite this official correspondence, Kalavathi's request remained unresolved.

After numerous follow-ups, on July 13, 2022, the Zone 4 Special Tahsildar sent a letter to S. Kalavathi seeking a comprehensive set of documents, including late Guru's pension records, her pension eligibility, service record, death certificate, details of surviving family members, residential proof, an affidavit affirming she does not own any other site, identity documents and Aadhaar Card. Kalavathi provided all the required documents, and on Oct. 31, 2022, the MUDA Zone 4 Special Tahsildar noted in the file that Kalavathi's application for a free site would be prioritised in the next site allocation. That next site allocation never happened.

Despite this assurance, Kalavathi is yet to receive a MUDA site, even as MUDA Officers continued to allocate thousands of sites under 50:50 ratio scheme. Indeed a case of criminal negligence and dereliction of duty. Is there no accountability to this kind of government officials?, is what the victim is asking.

'MUDA has been unfair'

"My husband served the CRPF for eight years and I lost him just 10 months after our marriage. I have no children. Despite multiple visits to the MUDA Office and several meetings with the Commissioner, my request has not been addressed. If a soldier who sacrificed his life for the nation is treated so unjustly, what value is placed on his sacrifice? MUDA's handling of this genuine situation is deeply unfair."

— S. Kalavathi, wife of Guru, martyred soldier

Bengaluru CCB Police Inspector ends life near Bidadi

He had served at Jayalakshmipuram, Hebbal Police Stations in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (RK&KS)- Thimmegowda, an Inspector with the Economic Offences Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) in Bengaluru, was found dead by suicide this morning.

His body was discovered hanging from a tree in Kaggalipura village near Bidadi.

Thimmegowda had previously served as an Inspector at the Jayalakshmipuram and Hebbal Police Stations in Mysuru before his transfer to the CCB approximately two months ago. The motive behind his decision is currently unknown.

Thimmegowda

The Kaggalipura Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding his death.

Bid to extort money from businessman in the guise of Police

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (SBD&KS)- Miscreants in the guise of Police have made a vain bid to extort money from a businessman and a case has been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

On July 30 at about 3.30 pm, businessman Shekar (name changed), a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, got a call on his mobile phone and when he received the call, the person on the other end of the phone telling his (Shekar) daughter's name asked him whether she was his daughter.

When Shekar said that she was indeed his daughter, the caller, who then identified himself as Police, told Shekar that he was calling from Bengaluru. When Shekar asked him, what had happened, the caller told him that his daughter and her friends had cheated a Minister's son of Rs. 25 lakh and the Inspector had brought them from their college to the Police Station for an enquiry.

The caller then told Shekar that during interrogation they came to know that his daughter did not have any role in the case and asked Shekar to transfer Rs. 10,000 each to four Inspectors on Google Pay following which they would release his daughter.

Sensing something fishy, Shekar, who replied positively to the caller, disconnected the call and immediately lodged a complaint at CEN Police Station.

Retired person loses over Rs. 1 cr. to online fraudster

Mysuru, Aug. 5 (SBD&KS)- A retired person, who was lured into online trading business has lost over Rs. One crore to the fraudster.

The retired person, who lost his money is 59-year-old Mahesh (name changed), a resident of Kuvempunagar in city.

Mahesh, who was browsing his Facebook page on June 17, came across an online trading advertisement and clicked on the website link. Later, his mobile number was added to GOLD MAN SACHS WhatsApp group.

The fraudster, who collected Mahesh's details, added the mobile number to the VIP Group, where the group members had shared screenshots of their investments and the profits they had earned. Believing it, Mahesh decided to invest money and earn profit.

Mahesh, then followed the instructions given by the group admin and clicked on the link. Soon a web page opened and Mahesh entered his details and an account was opened. He then invested money by transferring Rs. 1,07,17,828 to the Bank account as instructed by the group admin.

After a few days, his online trading account showed that he had earned Rs. 1.50 crore as profit and when he tried to withdraw the money he was unable to do so and he was told to deposit 10 percent of the profit amount as commission. Though Mahesh deposited the commission amount, he was unable to withdraw the money even after trying numerous times.

When he called the group admin and asked him about it, Mahesh received evasive replies. Realising that he has been cheated, Mahesh lodged a complaint at city's CEN Police Station.

New office-bearers of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108

The new office-bearers of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle-108 for the term 2024-25 were constituted at its Annual General Meeting held at Windflower Resorts in city recently. Seen are (sitting from left) Cr. Hemalatha, ACP, Area 13 (23-24); Cr. Komal, ACP-Elect; Cr. Rashmi Kashyap, IPC; Cr. Anusha Suraj, Chairperson; Cr. G. Nisha, Secretary; Cr. H.M. Mamtha, Treasurer and Cr. K.G. Sahana, VC; standing from left: Cr. Sampada Jain, Cr. Pooja Narang, Cr. Dr. Amritha Upadhya, Cr. Kavya Pola, Cr. D.K. Priyanka, Cr. Swathi Vagh, Cr. Aparna Ranga, Cr. Mayuri Adithya, Cr. Rachel Ann Abraham and Cr. Rupal Mehta.

Investiture ceremony at Pragathi Vidya Kendra

Investiture ceremony was held at Pragathi Vidya Kendra in city recently. The elected leaders of the Student Council were administered the oath and presented badges by chief guest Ramesh Narasaiah. Chairman V. Venkatesh, Academic Director Jayashri Venkatesh, Administrator Karthik V. Kashyap, Head Mistress K.K. Mamatha, Staff and students were present on the occasion.

Rainbow Public School Student Council takes oath

The Investiture Ceremony of Rainbow Public School, Mysuru, was held recently. NCC Officer Capt. Harsha Kumar was the chief guest. Parents of the school elected leaders pinned the badges at the event. The Student Council took the oath to uphold the responsibilities with sincerity and pride. Chairman of Rainbow Public School C.A. Cariappa, CEO Sujani Cariappa, Principal Antony and the respective House Mistresses were present on the occasion.

Interact Club of Hardwicke School

Rotary Ivory City Mysuru recently installed the new team of the Interact Club of Hardwicke School for 2024 - 25. The new office-bearers are seen with Rtn. V. N. Prasad, Installing Officer, Rtn. K. Shashidhar, Rotary Ivory City President, Rtn. Shobha Nagaraj, Secretary, Rtn. Mamata Shashidhar, Director, Youth Service and others.

Installation of ISHRAE Student Chapter at MIT Mysore

The new committee of ISHRAE (Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers) Student Chapter for the academic year 2024-25 was installed at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT) Mysore recently. Smriti Manoj, Managing Director of Overseas Operations and Associate Director of Human Resources, Setty Mech Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Arani Srinivas (Installing Officer), President, ISHRAE Mysore Chapter, Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, MIT, Mysore, Dr. Mohamed Khaisar, Professor and HoD, Mechanical Engineering, MIT Mysore, Narasimha Nagabhushan, Secretary, ISHRAE Mysore Chapter, Dr. G.D. Chethana, Faculty Advisor and Prof. Krishnaprasad, Students Chair, were present on the occasion.

Investiture Ceremony at Rotary West School

Rotary West School, Saraswathipuram, conducted its investiture ceremony recently. ACP Shantamallappa of Devaraja Police Station was the chief guest. Office-bearers from the Rotary West Association, including President Rtn. Dr. B. Chandra, Secretary Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, Treasurer Rtn. P. Gangadhara Gowda, President-Elect Rtn. Dr. Raghavendra Prasad, Rtn. Dr. C.G. Ramachandra, Inner Wheel Club President Shashikala, Secretary Bhavani Chandra, MC Member Chaya Venkatesh, Member of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West Nuthan Ajith, Principal of Rotary West School (Saraswathipuram) K.S. Poornima, Principal of Rotary West School (Dattagalli) M. Manjunath and staff were present at the ceremony. During the event, students were honoured with badges, symbolising their respective designation.

City's Sanjana Kiran mentors athletes to Olympic success at Paris 2024

Sanjana Kiran, Mysuru-born sports psychologist, who has made a name for herself as a Mind Coach for athletes world over is now in Paris. Sanjana is currently handling 53 athletes, including those from India and other countries, at the Paris Summer Olympics 2024, mentoring them. Sanjana Kiran spoke to *Star of Mysore* from Paris. Excerpts…

Star of Mysore (SOM): What brings you to the Paris Olympics?

Sanjana: I have been working with sportspersons since the 2004 Athens Olympics. This is my 10th Olympic event, which includes seven Summer Olympics and three Winter Olympics. I have handled about 300 athletes, and more than 150 of them have achieved podium finishes. Currently, I am working with 53 athletes, including 11 from India and others from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, the USA, and the Netherlands, at the Paris Olympics.

SOM: How different are the athletes to handle, especially in an event like the Olympics?

Sanjana: It depends on individual sports, countries, and the Olympic cycle. During the London 2012 Olympics, my clientele consisted of athletes aged 20 years and above, except for gymnastics. Things have changed since then. During the 2016 Rio Olympics, the age group of the athletes dropped considerably, with 70-80 percent of my clientele under 20 years and 60 percent within the age group of 17 years. I have been working with elite athletes since my first Olympics, and the success I have achieved over the years has only increased my clientele.

SOM: There are comparisons made between athletes from India and other countries. What do you think about this?

Sanjana: Comparing one athlete to another is not beneficial. Every athlete I work with presents a different challenge. The more elite the athlete, the greater the challenge. Managing their emotions at different levels is crucial.

In my opinion, wisdom gained through experience is not always the best friend for an elite athlete. The more you know, the more you tend to focus on minute details. While they may be happy with their performance, they are often not satisfied because they overthink. Motivation and focus are not issues for them, but converting their high and low emotions into positive results requires a lot of courage.

SOM: You have seen athletes from various countries competing at the highest level. How do you rate the progress of Indian athletes?

Sanjana: Progress has been good with a new approach and an increase in representation. However, more can be done to tap into our country's abundant talent. Over the past year, we have been implementing new strategies based on our experiences. While winning a bronze medal is an achievement, getting a podium finish at the Olympics is a different experience altogether.

SOM: Tell us about your preparations before an important event such as the Olympics.

Sanjana: Sports psychologists work in close physical proximity with the athletes. Taking on the responsibility of handling athletes involves a lot of running around and constant discussions with coaches and support staff. A sports psychologist must always observe the players and ensure they perform their tasks to the best of their abilities.

SOM: What, according to you, is the success mantra for an athlete competing at an international level?

Sanjana: An athlete needs to be fit both mentally and physically. Every sport is designed differently, and athletes are tested each time they compete. There is a lot of maths and physics involved in developing new strategies and game plans. Maintaining a calm head and applying the mind effectively is crucial. The battle with oneself is often more intense than battling external factors.

SOM: What is the success mantra for a sports psychologist?

Sanjana: Firstly, a person aspiring to be a sports psychologist must be ready to work behind the scenes. Efficiency comes with experience. Importantly, understanding the nuances of the sport is essential. Only someone with a calm head can be a good sports psychologist, capable of working with some of the best athletes in the world. Sports psychology is not for those seeking the limelight. **—VNS**

Paris Summer Olympics – 2024

Finally, it's gold for Djokovic!

Paris, Aug. 5 (Agencies) - Tears flowed freely as Novak Djokovic sat in his chair, overwhelmed by the weight of his monumental achievement. The 37-year-old Serbian legend secured his place in the history as the oldest man to win an Olympic gold medal in tennis singles since Miloslav Mecir in 1988. His emotional moment came after a thrilling three-hour battle against Spain's rising star Carlos Alcaraz.

The match, held on the iconic clay courts of Roland Garros yesterday, was a testament to Djokovic's enduring skill and tenacity. In a dramatic display of tennis prowess, he triumphed in straight sets, 7-6(3), 7-6(2), marking the culmination of years of relentless pursuit. As Djokovic clinched the final point, he erupted in celebration,

but the real tears came when he sat down, hugging his parents as he processed the magnitude of his victory.

Surrounded by a chorus of cheers from fans and the supportive embrace of his team, Djokovic's tears were a poignant reminder of his journey—one marked by relentless dedication and passion. The Olympic gold medal, a prize that had long eluded him, now completed his extraordinary collection of titles, which includes all four Grand Slams, all ATP Masters and the Davis Cup.

Djokovic is the fifth player to complete a career Golden Slam after Steffi Graf, Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams. He is also the first to win the men's singles gold without dropping a set since 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

WORD OF THE DAY

Extemporaneous

Pronunciation: ek-stem-puh-RAY-nee-us (adjective).
Meaning: Extemporaneous describes something that is made up or done without special preparation. It is usually used to describe public speaking.
Origin: Extemporaneous, which comes from the Latin phrase ex tempore ("on the spur of the moment"), joined the English language sometime in the mid-17th century. The word impromptu, also from a Latin phrase (in promptu, meaning "in readiness") soon followed. In general usage, extemporaneous and impromptu are used interchangeably to describe off-the-cuff remarks or speeches, but this is not the case when they are used in reference to the learned art of public speaking. Teachers of speech will tell you that an extemporaneous speech is one that has been thoroughly prepared and planned but not memorized, whereas an impromptu speech is one for which absolutely no preparations have been made.
Example: "The show [Shōgun] lovingly conveys all details of court society: Noh performance by torchlight, extemporaneous verse, calligraphic stroke falling on a blank sheet of paper." — Ryu Spaeth, Vulture, 23 Apr. 2024.

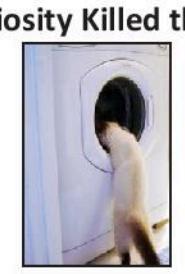
THE ODD WORD

Exulansis

The tendency to give up trying to talk about an experience because people are unable to relate to it.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Curiosity Killed the Cat



Meaning: Being too curious may bring about problems for you.
Origin: The origin of idiom "curiosity killed the cat" actually lies with a slightly different idiom, "care killed the cat." The original meaning of word "care" as used in this instance was "sorrow" or "worry," and both of these forms of negative emotions can cause stress that damages the body and mind.
Example: "Hey, I wonder what's down that street; it looks awfully dark and creepy." Answer: "Let's not try to find out. Curiosity killed the cat."

QUOTE BOX

Hope is patience with the lamp lit. **—Tertullian**

RIDDLE THIS

A tree doubled in height each year until it reached its maximum height over the course of ten years. How many years did it take for the tree to reach half its maximum height?

Answer: Nine years.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ Na Pyar Hai?
5 Snide remark
9 To be - a change of "era"?
12 Hebrew letter
13 Hebridean island
14 Lowly mongrel
15 Tomb Raider's ___ Croft
16 Facile quality in talk
18 Show old movie or play again
20 Assail
21 Sooty pieces
22 Take a chair
23 Facial feature?
24 Not open to the public
27 Horse's gait
31 Kyushu mountain
32 Gone up
34 First Woman
35 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
37 Hereditary unit
38 Hawaiian garland
39 Cry of delight
41 Rotate or revolve rapidly
43 Head of a monastery
46 Fire residue
47 Hopping mad
50 Currier's partner
52 Put one's ___ in: meddle or interfere?
53 Nobelist Wiesel
54 Dregs?
55 Stale air
56 Pore over
57 Being in Latin

DOWN

1 Flyer from Seoul
2 Panic merchant
3 Immediately after this
4 Work __ __: painting or sculpture (2,3)
5 Put your name down as an indication
6 Laughing out loud, acronym?
7 One as a prefix
8 Jewish priest
9 Successful pilots
10 A kind of trick
11 Formerly, once
17 After deductions
19 State dissolved in 1991
21 Shut noisily
22 A kind of gun
25 Elevated
26 Application
28 Alleviates
29 Supervises, regulates or manages
30 Linden tree - "tile" broken ?
33 Fishing aids
36 Sack or pillage
40 Different
42 In a ___ : soon ?
43 From (2,2)
44 Male admirer
45 Venomous South African viper
46 Very old
48 French island
49 Actress ___ Peeples
51 U-turn from NNW

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	A	S	■	C	A	M	E	■	T	R	E
B	A	S	H	■	O	V	E	R	S	E	E	R
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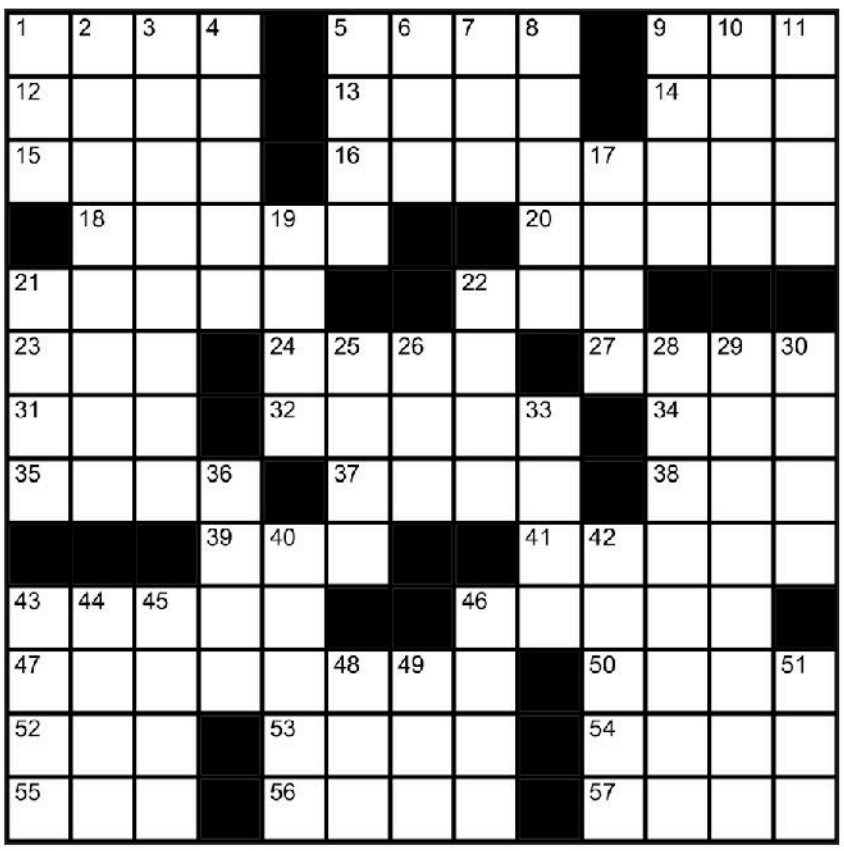

SUDOKU

	5				2		7	
	4		6	9				1
9					3			
6		7			9			
1								8
			5			7		3
			4					6
2				6	8		4	
	8		2				3	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	8	9	6	4	7	3	1
6	1	9	2	7	3	5	8	4
3	7	4	8	5	1	2	9	6
9	3	1	6	4	5	8	7	2
4	6	7	3	8	2	1	5	9
5	8	2	7	1	9	4	6	3
8	2	5	4	9	6	3	1	7
7	4	6	1	3	8	9	2	5
1	9	3	5	2	7	6	4	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YESKMQ KONKIO UIDUPY EGMRB EGOP UAO

AMLGE. DMYO KONKIO IMYEOR EN UQFMTO.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out, it's the grain of sand in your shoe.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Kalki (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
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- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 9886325207
  Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Pechi (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Pechi (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Pechi (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Boat (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Raayan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Raayan (Ta)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 10 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	3.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-2)	7 pm
Ishq (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Hebbuli (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Buddy (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Roopantara (K)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7 pm, 9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Raayan (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	1.30 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	6.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Idiyan Chandhu (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)	:	10.15 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 2.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Ulajh (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.25 am
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	:	12 noon, 4.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	12.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H)	:	5.50 pm
Ishq (K)	:	1.30 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	4.20 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Bidurbhai (Assamese)	:	7 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	7.15 pm
Raja Babu (H)	:	10 pm

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.55 am
Raayan (Ta)	:	12 noon, 6.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 9 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E)	:	12.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	2.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Hebbuli (K)	:	3.05 pm
Adios Amigo (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

Champaka presents dance-drama 'Shri Krishna Leela Vibhuti' at Udupi

Mysuru-based dance teacher and performer, Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and her disciples from Champaka Academy presenting 'Shri Krishna Leela Vibhuti,' a thematic dance-drama written by Padma Bhushan Dr. D.V. Gundappa, based on the story of 'Shrimad Bhagavata' at Rajangana, Shri Krishna Mutt, Udupi, recently. Music composition and vocal recital was by Vidu. Chethana Nagaraj, flute by Vid. K.S. Ganesh, mridanga by Vid. Kiran and dialogue & gamaka by Vidu. Pavana.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 5)

- **The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, a Handicrafts and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming Mysore State as Karnataka, Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** Monthly Health Talk series, lecture on 'Physiological aspects of Acupuncture,' Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, **5 pm.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike:** Inauguration of 'Vachana-Shravana-Mane Manege Shravana Masada Shravana Sandesha' by Sujatha Shivaprakash, lecture by Dr. D.S. Guru (Professor, DoS in Computer Science, University of Mysore), JSS Law College auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, Mysuru:** Negilayogi Udyami event, former MLA S.R. Mahesh inaugurates, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha-Bengaluru President C.N. Balakrishna presides, MLA K. Harishgowda releases Negilayogi brochure, Hotel Ruchi The Prince, Mysuru-Hunsur Main Road, Hinkal, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 6)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Pratibha Puraskar and Felicitation Ceremony, CM's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar inaugurates, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda presents Pratibha Puraskar, felicitation address by Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) State President Shivananda Tagadur, senior actor and theatre person Mandya Ramesh and Department of Information & Public Relations Dy. Director D. Ashok Kumar chief guests, felicitation to journalist Shivakumar Bellithatte, MDJA President K. Deepak presides, Alamma Choultry, Shivarampet Road, **10.30 am.**
- **The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, GoI:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, a Handicrafts and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **V. Sreenivasa Prasad Abhimanigala Balaga and M. Rajkumar Sneha Balaga:** V. Sreenivasa Prasad's birth anniversary celebrations, breakfast to inmates of Chayadevi Orphanage and Old Age Home, **8 am;** Felicitation to achievers, Ashokapuram Railway Station Main Road, **12.30 pm.**
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- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana - Mane Manege Shravana Masada Shravana Sandesha,' lecture by Dr. T.K. Kempegowda (Professor, Maharani's College), residence of M. Mahadevappa, #22, 29/A, 'Gurusmarana,' Madhuvana Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
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Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 6.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.05 am
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	11.45 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	:	3.25 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Dangal (H)	:	9.20 pm

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Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 am
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.05 am
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	11.45 am, 2.50 pm 5.55 pm, 9 pm
Adavi Katte (K)	:	1 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	6.25 pm, 9.45 pm

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